

SOLDIERS' NCAMP

Three Thousand March Up Kansas Avenue This Morning.

Pitch Their Tents at the Fair Grounds.

ARE FOUR REGIMENTS.

Two of Infantry, Two of Cavalry and Two Batteries.

Men Stand the Hard Hot Trip Well.

The first division of the column of troops enroute from Fort Riley to St. Joseph to attend the big military tournament at the latter place arrived in Topeka at 9 o'clock this morning and marched south on Kansas avenue from the Melan bridge to Ninth street where they swung west to the state house, then south through the city, then west to Topeka avenue and marched south to the fair grounds to go into camp over Sunday. The Thirtieth and Sixteenth infantry, or rather about half of each, and two companies of the engineer corps. At noon the Second and Seventh cavalry and two battalions of light artillery swung up Kansas avenue toward the fair grounds. Both cavalry regiments were full, with the exception of one company from the Second. The troops marched in from Silver Lake this morning finishing the last stage of their 67 mile journey from Riley to Topeka. The infantry will go from here to St. Joseph by rail, leaving Monday morning, while the cavalry and artillery will go overland, leaving the city at the same time.

There are just 3,000 troops camped at the fair grounds, about the size of Washington's army during most of the great battles of the Revolution. Gen. Morton is in command on the march and Col. Gardner commands the infantry brigade and Col. Ward the cavalry.

Religious services will be held at the grounds tomorrow morning under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Two regimental bands will give sacred concerts during the day. The men will spend the time quietly resting.

The two infantry regiments are carrying the 1907 model of Krag Jorgensen rifles, weighing nine pounds and having a range of 2,700 yards. They are a great improvement over the old models of this standard army weapon.

HIS SWEETHEART WAITS

Joe Kelly May Be a Pickpocket, But One Girl Doesn't Think So.

There is a smooth looking, smooth talking, well dressed young fellow in the city prison today with the charges of picking pockets and conducting a confidence game hanging over his head. He is a French girl, named "Bertha," a pretty French girl, is waiting and wondering why she does not hear from this young man to whom she sent by mail, "a thousand kisses" and the promise of "knocking your head off if you don't answer this letter at once."

The prisoner gave his name to the police sergeant who booked him as Joe Kelly, but the letter found on him and written by the girl from the southland is addressed to Joseph D'Arpa. The boy Kelly, or D'Arpa was arrested on complaint of Joseph D'Arpa, who gives his residence as Pittsburg, Pa., and who said he is visiting here. Steele, alleges that Kelly tried to pick his pockets and flim flam him, but that further the prisoner is a member of a gang of pickpockets and confidence men following the fair. Kelly declared to the State Journal reporter that he is a jockey and lives at Memphis, Tenn., that he came here to see the races and had cringed nobody. He said he had been in the city for two weeks stopping at the Chesterfield hotel. According to his story he had played cards with Steele and the latter was "making a halo" because he lost his money on cards and the ponies while trying to get the best of the game.

D'Arpa is a French name of quality and the letter found on the prisoner is from a loving girl of good family who has been to a convent in the Crescent city and is now attending a business college here. She writes in an affectionate strain to the boy and tells of the anxiety of her family as to his whereabouts. From the tone of the letter D'Arpa is a distant kinsman of the Steele family. Detective Hutton made the arrest at the hotel.

August Palm, a bricklayer of colossal strength and the propensity for strong drink, gave the officers a lot of trouble on Kansas avenue last evening while they were trying to arrest him and had a flat and skull fight with Chief Eaton before he was finally landed in prison. Officer Palmer arrested Palm on Kansas avenue while the latter was in a boisterous and drunken condition. Palm showed flight from the street and a big policeman had his hands full with his prisoner. He called the patrol wagon and Chief Eaton responded. They got Palm into the patrol wagon and the latter was loaded with the drink and just before reaching the station struck the chief with his fist. The chief had a strenuous struggle with his fellow traveler but finally landed him in the little iron cage without beating him up.

MONTE CROSS SUSPENDED.

Manager of the Kansas City Ball Team Is Given Punishment.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 12.—Monte Cross, manager of the Kansas City baseball team, was today suspended for the remainder of the season by President O'Brien of the American Association for dilatory tactics which resulted in delaying the game at Minneapolis yesterday.

GROCERS ARE ARRESTED

Berg and Retter Had Goods Displayed Too Low.

On complaint of John Kleinham, state pure food inspector, a warrant was issued this morning in the Topeka city court for the arrest of Berg & Retter, grocerymen at 333 Kansas avenue, for violation of the sidewalk display regulation of the Kansas pure food law.

The sidewalk display of perishable products is prohibited unless such products are enclosed in a show-case or similar device, which will protect the same from flies, dust, or other contamination. Other food products that necessarily have to be exposed, or cooked before they are fit for consumption may be displayed on the sidewalk, provided that in such display the bottom of the container be at least 18 inches above the surface of the sidewalk. Any person who shall violate any of the rules and regulations made shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50, imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months or both, in the discretion of the court.

CAME TO SEE TAFT.

Secretary Straus and Powderly Traveled Down From Washington.

Cincinnati, Sept. 12.—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus, accompanied by T. V. Powderly of the immigration service, were early callers on Judge Taft today and remained closeted with him for sometime. Both came direct from Washington and said before seeing Mr. Taft that their errand was to discuss a number of particular phases of the campaign for president.

Judge Taft was today invited to address, while in Chicago, the Douglas neighborhood improvement club made up of members of various different churches, political parties and business interests. The invitation was extended by Bishop J. C. Harz of the Roman Catholic church, who came here from Chicago for that purpose. It is the bishop's desire to have Mr. Taft speak on civic reform in a number of the larger cities and the candidate expressed his willingness so to do if the arrangements can be made to fit in with the speaking engagements the national committee is making for him.

SALT COMPANIES WIN.

Given a Big Reduction in Assessment by State Board.

The state tax commission today ordered a reduction in the valuations of two salt companies operating at Kanopolis, Ellsworth county, as follows:

Royal Salt company, reduced from \$400,000 to \$260,000.
Crystal Salt company, reduced from \$250,000 to \$190,000.
The big reductions on the valuations placed by the local assessors were due largely to a difference of opinion between the local assessors and the state tax commission on the value of mineral rights. The Crystal is a new company, and has spent \$71,000 in development work without any returns whatever yet, and the tax commission figured that \$90,000 was plenty for the company to pay taxes on. The other company produced its books, and showed what it was earning, and the tax commission came to the conclusion that it should not be compelled to pay on \$490,000.

ANTHONY PRESIDES.

Congressman From This District Chairman Cannon Meeting.

Reese Van Sant, chairman of the Republican county central committee, received word from Congressman D. R. Anthony today that he will accept the invitation extended to him to preside at the meeting in the Auditorium at Topeka, Thursday evening next, upon the occasion of the address of Senator J. C. Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives.

Practically the entire Kansas delegation is expected to be present in Topeka on the day Mr. Cannon speaks for, with the exception of Senator Curtis, who has been drafted by the national committee to make two speeches a day in Indiana next week.

FOR MAKING BAD MONEY

An Aged Kansas City, Kan., Man Arrested on Serious Charge.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 12.—George Sands, 79 years of age, was arrested by local authorities at his home in Kansas City, Kan., last night on a charge of making counterfeit money. The counterfeit money, consisting of a total of 338 spurious silver dollars were dug up in his back yard. The coins are pronounced to be excellent imitations. Plaster of Paris, lead, zinc and quick silver were found in Sands' home and the police say he admits having been arrested on a similar charge in New Jersey.

Assault on Dreyfus Acquitted.

Paris, Sept. 12.—Louis A. Gregori has been acquitted of the charge of attempting to kill Major Alfred Dreyfus at the Pantheon in this city last June. During the ceremonies at the Pantheon in connection with the canonization of Emile Zola, Gregori fired two revolver shots at Dreyfus, one ball taking effect in Dreyfus' wrist.

TAFT IS SATISFIED

Kansas Guaranty Plank Doesn't Conflict With His Ideas.

Not Open to Objection Urged in Acceptance Speech.

WRITES TO MR. STUBBS

Tells Why the General Proposition Is Bad.

Kansas Candidate's Letter Asking for an Expression.

William H. Taft, Republican candidate for President of the United States, has given to W. R. Stubbs, Republican candidate for governor of Kansas, a full, but somewhat guarded endorsement of the action of the Republican party in Kansas in putting a guaranty plank in the state platform.

The following is the letter which Mr. Taft says that "of course" he couldn't be expected to express an opinion on a state measure such as the guaranty plank in the Republican platform, but that he considers that the Republican plank avoids entirely the objection which he made to guaranty of deposits.

Mr. Taft doesn't commit himself to much of anything, but he does declare that the guaranty plank is "harmonious" so far as the bank deposit guaranty proposition is concerned.

The following is the letter which Mr. Taft wrote to Mr. Stubbs:

"My dear Mr. Stubbs: 'Sept. 4, 1908. 'I have your letter of August 27th, and I agree with you that the action of the Republicans of Kansas as to an enabling act, by which banks in Kansas may voluntarily guarantee each other's deposits, is very different from the proposition in the Democratic platform enforcing a tax against all banks which they are in effect to guarantee the recklessness and dishonesty of every other bank. Under the system proposed, for instance, in the state of Kansas, Mr. Hill has proposed that in the course of four years the banks and depositors of Connecticut would pay out \$400,000 and receive nothing back, and that \$400,000 would be used to help the depositors in Wall street banks, which through the manipulation of stock gamblers in the market would use all the money for the purpose of promoting wild speculation. I do not have the statistics, but I have no doubt the same thing, in perhaps a less marked degree, would be true in Kansas. Of course you could not expect me to express an opinion on a state measure of this sort, because state legislation is not involved in the national issue, but you certainly at liberty to say, what I sincerely believe, that the proposition in the Kansas platform avoids altogether the details that I urged in my acceptance, to the Democratic platform proposition for a national enforced insurance of deposits in all banks. The Kansas proposition comes within the saving clause which I expressly inserted to show that the objection I had to make was not applicable to such a system."

"Very sincerely yours, 'W. H. TAFT."

Mr. Stubbs' letter to Mr. Taft, in which he called upon the Republican nominee for the presidency for an expression, was as follows:

"Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 27, 1908. 'Hon. Wm. H. Taft, Hot Springs, Va. 'Dear Mr. Taft: I received your letter of the 15th inst., received. I thank you for the direct manner in which you answer my letter. The situation has not changed since I wrote you. While I do not doubt whatever that you will carry this state by a handsome majority in November.

Mr. Bryan speaks in Topeka tomorrow night on the bank guaranty proposition. The Republicans in Kansas have agitated this question until it has become quite popular and Mr. Bryan is therefore making this his principal issue in this state. We have declared in our Republican state platform for a law enabling the state banks to voluntarily guarantee the deposits of their customers. This proposition involves the same basic principles as insurance of other property and the risk can be more accurately determined than in the case of ordinary fire or life insurance. I heartily agree in many respects with your sentiment expressed with reference to the compulsory guaranty law proposed by the national Democratic platform declares for. A federal law of this character would compel the conservative Kansas banks to help pay the cost of guaranteeing the deposits of the reckless, speculative Wall street banks, and in my judgment would be unbusinesslike and unsound.

I would be glad if consistent with your letter of acceptance you would feel at liberty to indorse the paragraph in our state platform which permits state banks to associate themselves together for the purpose of guaranteeing the deposits of their customers.

"I trust you will accept this letter in the spirit in which it has been written, simply as a matter of information and with the hope of getting the best results possible out of the situation here in Kansas and that you will have you indorse this proposition if on the whole you think it does not fairly reflect your true sentiment on this subject. With personal regards, I am, very respectfully yours, 'W. R. STUBBS."

It is Still Warm.

For a week and more Topeka has enjoyed the finest kind of early autumn weather and the end is not yet in sight. Today's temperatures have been slightly below the average for the week and a refreshing breeze has prevailed since early morning. The forecast for Sunday indicates a continuation of the weather of the past week with a rise in the temperature in the northern and western portion of the state. The following were the temperatures since 7 o'clock this morning:

7 o'clock.....68	11 o'clock.....83
8 o'clock.....73	12 o'clock.....86
9 o'clock.....78	1 o'clock.....86
10 o'clock.....80	2 o'clock.....87

CENTRALIA ROT.

Two Negroes Came Near to Being Lynched.

Had Brutally Slashed and Beaten White Persons.

AT THE LOG ROLLING.

Physicians Say Sam Murphy's Wounds Are Fatal.

Crowd Gathered on the Street With Ropes in Hands.

Mob Finally Eluded and Prisoners Taken Seneca.

Seneca, Kan., Sept. 12.—Early last evening word was phoned from Centralia that there was a riot raging there and asking the county officials for help.

A log rolling has been drawing crowds to Centralia three last days of this week and amongst the attractions was horse racing. At the races yesterday two negroes, Jim and Allie Johnson, were losers and began showing bad blood.

In their mad rage one of the negroes attacked a boy bystander, this attack being the cause of the riot. He fell after being chased by the negro a block when the other negro, Allie Johnson set upon him with his feet and kicked him in a murderous manner.

There was an immense jam at the time on the street and the brutality of the negroes caused the crowd to take a hand in the affair and a riot followed. There seemed a lynching imminent but through the strategy of Bill Burdette, a deputy sheriff, the negroes were arrested and separately confined in buildings on opposite sides of the street. All this while the crowd grew in size and with ropes in hand attempts were made to secure the negroes, but Burdette, meantime, swore in large force of deputies and suspiciously appeared and drove over the country ten miles to be in at the finish.

Without parly the negroes were taken and securely ironed and brought here overland. A half dozen team followed the officers to Seneca and the prisoners were lodged in the county jail just before midnight. The excitement was so great here on receipt of the details that many hired teams and drove over the country ten miles to be in at the finish.

Two Centralia surgeons took Murphy in charge and gave him the best medical attention that could be given. One gash cut off the lower part of his lungs.

FUNSTON'S REPORT.

He Says Increase of Pay Has Good Effect on the Army.

Washington, Sept. 12.—In his annual report to the war department, Gen. Frederick Funston expresses the hope that the war department will succeed in its effort to obtain an additional number of officers to take the places of those on detached duty from their organization. He adds that the national government is greatly increasing the efficiency of the army.

"The beneficial results anticipated from recent legislation increasing the pay of the army," says General Funston, "are already becoming apparent. Company commanders report that a much larger proportion of desirable men are re-enlisted than was formerly the case. Thus former soldiers are returning to the service. The feeling akin to hopelessness that has hung over the army since the close of active operations in the Philippines has given way to a better spirit and, as a result of greater contentment, there is an increased interest in the performance of duty and cooperation in efficiency. Our officers no longer feel that they have been set to making bricks without straw."

TO DISBAR TRICKETT.

Secretary of the Wyandotte County Bar Association Starts a Court Case.

Kansas City, Sept. 12.—Disbarment proceedings against Assistant Attorney General C. W. Trickett have been instituted by the Wyandotte county bar association. Charles R. Cooksey, secretary of the Wyandotte County Bar association. In the opening paragraph of the accusations Mr. Cooksey states on oath:

"That C. W. Trickett, a practicing attorney in Kansas City, Kan., has been and is guilty of conduct unbecoming an attorney at law; that he has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; that he has neglected and refused on demand, to pay money in his hands, to be belonging to his client; that he has destroyed, secreted, fraudulently withdrawn or altered the record belonging to the files in an action pending; that he has willfully violated his duty as an attorney to other attorneys with whom he was associated by cheating and defrauding them of their fees; that he has been guilty of repeatedly violating his promises and his word as an attorney, for gain and has willfully practiced fraud and deceit to work injury to his clients."

There are twelve citations in the accusation in which Mr. Trickett is charged with having violated his duty as an attorney.

New York Registers 640,000 Pupils.

New York, Sept. 12.—Registration in the public schools has closed and shows that this year there will be an increase of about 30,000 pupils over last year. The registration this year is 640,000.

Place for Shaw.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury will come to this city shortly to accept the presidency of the First Mortgage Guarantee and Trust company of this city.

BOMB FOR FORT.

An Infernal Machine Mailed to Jersey Governor.

Suspicious of the Postal Authorities at Once Aroused.

DID NOT GET TO HIM.

Opened by Inspectors in the Philadelphia Office.

Contrivance Contained Powder, Bullets and Matches.

Seagirt, N. J., Sept. 12.—An attempt to assassinate Governor Fort of New Jersey, has been thwarted by the watchfulness of postoffice employees, who discovered in the mails an infernal machine addressed to the governor.

The package was a cleverly contrived combination of powder, bullets and matches, which had been so arranged that had the governor opened it in the ordinary way, there is little doubt it would have killed him. That the death dealing package was intercepted before it had reached its destination was due to the vigilance of the postal officials who have scanned the governor's mail with unusual care since the executive's recent crusade against violation of the law at Atlantic City.

The attitude taken by the governor when he directed that the excise and other similar laws at the great seaside resort be strictly enforced and even threatened to order out the militia if necessary to that end aroused great resentment in some quarters. It was to guard the governor as such as possible from any annoyance arising from that affair that the unusual watch was put on his mail. Several days ago when a package of somewhat unusual shape was found to bear insufficient postage it was taken by a clerk to one of the postal inspectors. The inspector became so impressed by the shape and condition of the package that he wrote the governor informing him that a package addressed to him had been addressed to him by being held at the office. The inspector asked for permission to open it without forwarding it to its destination. The permission was given at once.

Wrapper Removed.

Exercising the greatest care the inspector and his assistants removed the wrappings from the package to find that their worst fears were confirmed. It was a real infernal machine, but so cleverly constructed that it was capable of doing tremendous damage. It contained a quantity of powder and bullets and matches so arranged that a hurried opening of the package would have set off the powder and hurled the bullets in all directions.

That the sender of the machine had a sense of humor became apparent from an examination of the contents of the package. On a bit of paper he had written a message to the governor: "Please notify us promptly of any change in your postoffice address."

Another read: "You will know me better after we are acquainted."

Another line by which it is believed the sender sought to give the impression that the machine was sent by the governor's own government. Instead of a personal enemy of the governor reads: "And the gun against this rotten government."

Governor Fort said today that he did not care to discuss the matter in any way.

He speaks for himself. "The only comment he would make when he was questioned about his narrow escape. Pieces of the wrapper from the package are now in the possession of the governor's address in the postoffice inspector's office."

It was learned here today that the officials of the Philadelphia postoffice were asked to make a close examination in future of all packages addressed to the governor. Every package of every kind which reaches the Philadelphia office will be submitted to inspectors and officially passed before it will be permitted to reach the governor.

Mailed in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—The postal inspectors today admit that they are investigating the mailing of an infernal machine in this city to Governor Fort of New Jersey, but will discuss the case no further. The postal authorities have little hope of catching the person who mailed the package.

The package was mailed on August 28, the day when Governor Fort issued his proclamation regarding the sale of liquor on Sunday in Atlantic City. The device was contained in an ordinary two cent government envelope and the Philadelphia authorities had their attention attracted to it because its weight required the placing of a two cent stamp on it. Becoming suspicious the postal inspectors were notified and after an examination of the package, W. D. Ryan, an inspector, wrote Governor Fort as follows:

"We have in our possession a sealed package withdrawn from the mails in this office addressed to you at Seagirt, N. J. Your name and address has apparently been cut from a newspaper. It is supposed this package contains an explosive of some sort and as it is sealed I will thank you to advise me as to the disposition you wish made of the same. By your permission I shall open the package in question and should it contain a nonexplosive substance and something of value I shall forward same to you under official cover."

Governor Fort replied that he wished the authorities to open the package and forward him the contents no matter whether the contents were of value or not.

A Picnic for the Woodmen.

Salina, Sept. 12.—The Woodmen of Rockville have made elaborate arrangements for an old fashioned basket picnic to be given at that place Sept. 19. There will be a programme which includes baseball, motorcycle racing, foot races, horse races, and a dance at night. Several bands will furnish music.

COPELAND IN THE LEAD.

Wins Semi-Finals and Begins Contest for Cup Today.

In a slashing finish, Harold Copeland won the fourth round and the semi-finals of the Topeka city tennis tournament at the Y. M. C. A. courts on Friday afternoon. This afternoon the finals between Copeland and Lovewell are being played.

Copeland went into the fourth round with Collinson about 6 o'clock. On a previous day, Collinson had taken the first set of the match 6-4, but Copeland hit up too fast a pace, and took the second and third sets 6-3 and 6-1.

Copeland at once started the semi-finals with Bishop, and beat him in three straight sets, the scores being 6-3 and 6-1. Copeland played a dashing game, and had his opponents going south at every stage in the performance.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND.

That Represents the Cash Receipts of Big Fair.

State Fair Treasurer C. B. Jewell today made the following report of ticket sales for the week ending yesterday: Advance sale of tickets, 6 for \$2, was \$1,456.

Admission and grandstand ticket sales Tuesday, \$2,046.
Wednesday, \$2,888.
Thursday, \$3,478.
Friday, \$1,999.

Grand total of receipts for tickets during the fair, \$16,838.

An unofficial report of the figures shown by the turnstiles give the fair attendance as follows: Tuesday, 7,000.
Wednesday, 8,000.
Thursday, 10,000.
Friday, 7,000.

Total paid attendance, 41,000.

Secretary Kreipe, who had charge of the exhibits and entries, is working on his report of receipts and expenditures from these sources, and will have it ready for publication next week.

The Commercial club committee of seven in charge of the fair, met today and after some formal business matters in connection with the fair had been transacted, decided to audit the accounts of the fair officials as soon as their reports were completed. All were well pleased with the success of the fair and they promise great things for next year.

WEST IS IN DANGER.

J. McNeill McCormick Makes Disquieting Report to Hitchcock.

New York, Sept. 12.—Chairman Hitchcock at Republican national headquarters today received a disquieting report from J. McNeill McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, who gave his views concerning the political situation in the West. McCormick, a great deal of work will have to be done, "all down the line," in order to make central and western states safe for Taft. The organization of the National Committee in Maryland, he said, had been a great success, but he added that all of the Democratic forces are striving harmoniously in Bryan's interest.

Mr. Hitchcock had a long talk with Mr. McCormick and as the result of some of the reports made about conditions in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa he will leave New York Sunday for Chicago, where he will spend a week at western headquarters.

Thomas Farran, chairman of the Republican state committee in Maryland, expressed the opinion that the electrical vote in his state is safe for Taft.

J. G. LOWE IS DEAD.

Former Kansas Democratic Leader Expires Suddenly in Oklahoma.

An Associated Press dispatch from Okla. City says that J. G. Lowe, a prominent politician in Kansas, died suddenly in Oklahoma today.

While assisting in the Masonic lodge in initiation ceremonies today, Joseph Garrett Lowe, judge of the Twentieth judicial district, died suddenly of heart disease, aged 62 years. Judge Lowe was a member of the national Democratic convention in Kansas in 1876 and was a delegate at large from Kansas to the national Democratic convention in St. Louis in 1888.

Mr. Lowe was a resident of Washington county, and before moving to Oklahoma he was prominent in Democratic politics in Kansas. He was a member of the state board of railroad commissioners under appointment from Governor Lovewell.

SETS A NEW MARK.

Orville Wright Remains in the Air 70 Minutes.

Washington, Sept. 12.—In a flight lasting an hour, ten minutes and 26 seconds, Orville Wright surpassed all his previous exploits for a time and distance flight for a heavier than air machine. Two flights were made at Myer, Va., yesterday the first being of ten minutes and 50 seconds duration for the purpose of showing rate of speed he had been traveling during his long flight of the past three days. The test demonstrated, according to the aviator's calculations that the speed of the aeroplane during the record breaking flights of Wednesday and Thursday was 39.55 miles an hour.

FIVE BADLY HURT.

Safe Blown Up by an Explosion of Gas.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Four women and a man, employees of the Wahl Adding Machine company, were possibly fatally injured today by an explosion of illuminating gas in a wall safe in the plant of the company, 465 Ohio street. The explosion occurred when the vault was opened and an attempt made to light the gas jet. The third and fourth floors of the building were wrecked and for a time it was believed that the injured persons had been killed. A number of other employees were slightly injured.

BOOKS JUGGLED.

Sensational Charges Are Made Against A. Booth & Co.

By Bankers Who Hold the Concern's Paper.

FOR 3 YEARS PAST

It Is Alleged \$1,200,000 of the Liabilities

Has Been Carried on the Asset Side of the Books.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Revelations of a sensational nature were made public today regarding the failure of A. Booth & Co., the \$12,000,000 fish, game and sea food corporation which was placed in the hands of a receiver Thursday.

That the concern's books have been juggled for a period extending back at least three years is charged in a circular sent out by the interested bankers who also set forth that in the company's statements \$1,200,000 had been deducted from the liabilities and the books made to balance by a similar juggling in the asset column.

By reason of this manipulation, it is alleged the corporation has been enabled to float paper that otherwise might not have been accepted by the purchasers.

So serious are the various charges that it was freely predicted the failure would find an echo in the criminal courts. Members of the Booth family, however, are said to be in no way involved in any questionable transactions. They are said to have been the heaviest losers by reason of the mismanagement of others in whom they had imposed confidence.

The statement of the bankers bears the following signatures: The First National bank of Chicago, "By F. O. Wetmore, vice president." The Corn Exchange National bank of Chicago, "By Ernest A. Hamill, president." The Continental National bank of Chicago, "By Alexander Robertson, vice president."

The Commercial National bank of Chicago, "By Joseph Talbert, vice president."

It was declared by one of the members of the committee that through inaccurate statements every bank that has bought Booth & Co.'s notes in the last year has been misled. There are in all more than 100 banks throughout the country that hold the company's paper.

"A. Booth & Co." the bankers' statement says, "informed us that the increased liabilities shown as compared with the company's previous statements were caused by the manipulation of the figures in the annual reports for the three last years, and that in the statement of the latest date that there had been deducted \$1,200,000 from the liabilities and similar amounts from the assets to make the statement balance."

TAFT'S FIRST TRIP.

It Will Bring Him as Far West as Kansas.

Cincinnati, Sept. 12.—Candidate Taft's first speaking trip will be through the West. A. I. Vorys has left here for Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. Two other trips are being planned, one through the eastern states and another through a number of the Southern states. However, will not be worked out until the western journey has been arranged. Judge Taft and National Chairman Hitchcock and an extended conference will be held here, the result of which was the hurried departure of Mr. Vorys for New York.